

**Statement by Senator Mikulski  
William Boarman Nomination Hearing, Public Printer  
Senate Committee on Rules and Administration**

I am submitting a statement today in support of the nomination of William Boarman, a lifelong Marylander, to serve as Public Printer and lead the Government Printing Office (GPO). I'd like to thank Senator Schumer and Senator Bennett for being so prompt in scheduling his hearing.

Although Public Printer is not a position that may be familiar to many Americans, the GPO's mission is critical to having an informed and enlightened public in our democracy. If confirmed as Public Printer, Mr. Boarman will be responsible for producing legislative and official documents of the Government and making those products available to the public, in libraries and online. The Public Printer serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the GPO and is responsible for overseeing the work of 2,300 federal employees - 1,500 of them who are Maryland residents.

GPO is also critical to our nation's small businesses as it procures nearly \$500 million work of work every year from private sector printers across the country. I want to specifically recognize the way GPO has contributed to Maryland's economy, having awarded approximately \$21.5 million in printing contracts to 32 Maryland firms last year.

William Boarman is uniquely qualified to run the Government Printing Office. A practical printer by trade, Mr. Boarman has worked in the printing and publishing industry for four decades, including an appointment to the GPO from 1974 to 1977. He has a strong understanding of how the GPO works. Over the last 30 years, he has testified on GPO matters several times before this committee and the Joint Committee on Printing, as an unpaid adviser to several Public Printers.

Mr. Boarman also has a proven track record of cooperation and achievement in labor-management relations. Since 1989, he has served as the President of the Printing, Publishing and Media Workers Sector of the Communications Workers of America (CWA). He currently serves as Senior Vice President of the CWA and President of the International Allied Printing Trades Association, which has local councils in 30 states and Washington, DC.

In addition to his stellar professional qualifications, Mr. Boarman has been committed to public service and giving back to his community. He served two four-year terms as a gubernatorial appointee as public member of the State Commission on Judicial Disabilities, which oversees the conduct of all state-appointed judges in Maryland.

I am proud to support this excellent nominee and I urge my colleagues to move swiftly on moving this nomination through the committee process and then to Senate floor for a vote in a timely manner.